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1. Response to Restriction Requirement mailed 08/22/2005 (3 pp.).

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the restriction requirement mailed on 08/22/2005.

Applicant notes with appreciation the courtesy extended to Applicant's attorney, Philip Yip during the telephone conversation of September 12, 2005.

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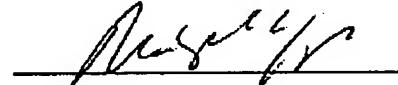
The Examiner imposed restriction requirements on 4 categories: I. Outer layer; II. Tie layer structure; III. Reservoir; and IV Release controlling means. The following are Applicant's elections.

- I. Outer layer: Since claim 3 is dependent on claim 2, claim 2 is generic to both claims. But if Applicant is forced to choose claim 2 and 3, Applicant will elect claim 3.
- II. Tie layer structure: As between a single layer and multilaminate, Applicant elects a multilaminate layer. However, Applicant submits that claims 1, 7, 8, 12 and 5-6 do not preclude having a multilaminate tie layer and therefore are generic. Further claim 6 is dependent on claim 5 and therefore claim 5 is generic to claim 6.
- III. Reservoir: Applicant submits that claims 1 and 13 do not mention reservoir and are therefore generic to the other claims. Applicant elects the claims with secondary reservoir containing an antagonist, which is seen in claim 8. However, claims 1, 13, 7, 12, 14-15 all refer to a secondary reservoir and are generic to claim 8.
- IV. Release controlling means: Among the claims having release controlling means, Applicant elects claims having a release controlling means in the outer layer controlling release of an antagonist, e.g., claims 9-11. There are claims that do not have an element of rate controlling means and therefore would be generic.

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (650) 564-7054 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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